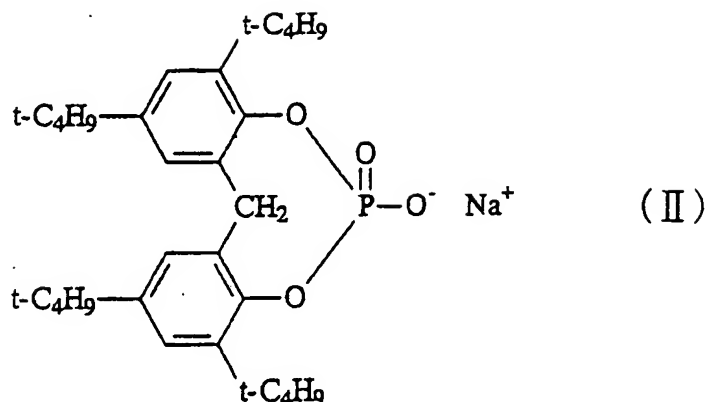


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#### REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

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3. (Amended) The nucleating agent according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the metal represented by A is an alkali metal.

4. (Amended) The nucleating agent according to [any one of claims 1 through 3] claim 1 wherein the compound represented by formula (I) is a compound represented by formula (II)[.]:

